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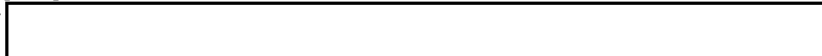
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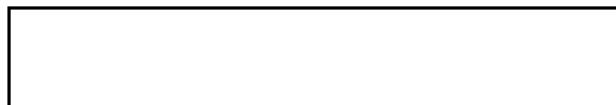
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2. ECUADORAN PROVINCIAL MILITARY GARRISON
ATTEMPTS REVOLT

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A military uprising on 6 August in Portoviejo--capital of a central Pacific coast province--under the leadership of the garrison commander may have been designed to block the inauguration of President-elect Ponce Enriquez.

Reports on the success of the revolt are conflicting, but it appears to have been localized. The Ecuadoran press asserts that the rebel commander seized control of Portoviejo, including the radio facilities, and proclaimed himself dictator. President Velasco and the minister of government said the movement was insignificant and "under control."

Ponce Enriquez is scheduled to be declared officially elected by congress on 10 August and inaugurated on 1 September.

his strength with the Ecuadoran military has improved recently and, consequently, his chances for a peaceful assumption of office. He won the closely contested elections of 3 June by less than a third of the popular vote.

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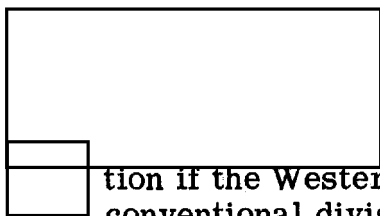
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3. WEST GERMAN DIPLOMAT COMMENTS ON ALLIED MILITARY REAPPRAISAL

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West German ambassador Herwarth in London has been saying "to anyone who will listen" that Chancellor Adenauer will be placed in an "impossible" posi-

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tion if the Western Allies demand from Germany twelve conventional divisions at the same time Anglo-American military experts regard conventional forces as of little or no value. Herwarth also says that, in the long run, if only armies equipped with atomic weapons are to be considered valuable, then the German army must be so equipped, since German opinion would not stand for anything else.

Comment

While Bonn appears to be gratified by American and British assurances that any plans for a reduction in conventional forces would be submitted to NATO, various officials, including Adenauer, have expressed concern over the effect such reductions would have on the German rearmament program and the coalition government's chances for re-election in 1957.

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4. NEW SOLUTION TO BOMBAY LINGUISTIC STATE CONTROVERSY

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Announcement by the Indian Congress Party that its leaders have agreed to the formation of an enlarged Bombay state, including the areas of Maharashtra and Gujarat as well as Bombay City,

should substantially strengthen the Congress Party's position in the national elections of early 1957 by reuniting elements which have been warring over the linguistic states issue for the past 10 months. Of the several doubtful states in the elections, Bombay is the most important to the Congress Party.

Socialists and Communists, who led riots in Bombay in November 1955 and January 1956 in protest against earlier partition plans, have not yet reacted to this move. They and extremist members of the Congress Party may attempt to renew agitation on the linguistic issue until election time. However, if the new Bombay plan is generally accepted, as seems probable, it may provide a precedent for peaceful solution of India's other linguistic states problems.

The new plan was introduced in parliament on 7 August and is expected to be approved by that body within a few days. It reverses a previous hotly disputed decision to create separate states of Maharashtra and Gujarat and to administer the city of Bombay directly from New Delhi.

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